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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed July 30, 2004, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response which expires on October 30, 2004, amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this paper.